



# **STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD**

## **Policy and Legislation Committee**

*Brian Baca, Chair; Erin Garner; Benjamin Licari; Kathy Lund*

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**For Meeting Date: December 9, 2010**

### **Agenda Item No. 4: Consideration of the State Mining and Geology Board Information Report No. IR 2010-07.**

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**INTRODUCTION:** The State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) conducts its business in public, and often considers policy topics of statewide interest. On occasion, the SMGB requests analysis from its Executive Officer prior to considering policy decisions. In the past, the SMGB's Executive Officer or his staff, has presented such analysis on topics of statewide interest to the SMGB in public meetings. Interest in these reports from industry, professional organizations, regulators, and other interested parties and stakeholders has been high, and they have approached the SMGB for copies of these reports in a user-friendly format. The Policy and Legislation Committee is considering approving a new report pertaining to a review of issues pertaining to idle mines under the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) for publication on the SMGB's website.

**BACKGROUND:** On occasion, the SMGB requests from its staff comprehensive or focused analysis for topics of interest to the SMGB, prior to making policy decisions. These reports commonly take the form of an Executive Officer's report, accompanied by a power point presentation, when appropriate. However, only the Executive Officer's report is regularly provided on the SMGB's website.

The SMGB has been routinely approached by industry, professional organizations, regulators, and other interested parties and stakeholders, requesting copies of the power point presentations. In order to maintain the context of the information and presentation, special reports being considered by the Committee for publication on the SMGB's website, have been prepared. These special reports have been produced by simply embedding select images from the power point presentation into the text of the Executive Officer's report. Minimal text changes have been made.

At the request of SMGB Member Tepel, a SMGB Information Report has recently been completed. Information Report 2010-07 is titled "*A Review of Issues Pertaining to Idle Mines Under the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act*". This information was presented, in part, at the SMGB's Surface Mining Standards Committee meetings held on March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12 and September 13, 2007. SMGB Information Report SMGB IR 2010-07 does not set forth policy, but rather presents information that the SMGB considers in setting policy.



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**CONSIDERATION BEFORE THE COMMITTEE:** Upon review and discussion, the Committee may authorize the Executive Officer to make available SMGB's Information Report No. 2010-07 on the SMGB's web site.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:** At this time, the Executive Officer offers the following motion for the Committee's consideration.

*Motion to approve publication of the SMGB's Information Reports 2010-07 on the SMGB's website:*

*Mr. Chairman, in light of the information before the Committee today, I move that the Committee approve publication of the SMGB's Information Report 2010-07, for publication, and direct the Executive Officer to make available these reports on the SMGB's website.*

Respectfully submitted:

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Executive Officer